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thankfully received, and Printing into different branches done with Care and Expedition.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE period has arrived which makes it indispensably necessary to enlarge my former plan, & that which is now before you. It is needless to attempt to recount the reasons, as they must occur to all most every individual.

As the fate of a newspaper depends entirely on the number and punctuality of the subscribers, I have no doubt but that the same motives which have hitherto induced the friends to this paper to keep it in existence until the present time, will continue; and have every reason to flatter myself, that as it shall rise in merit, the encouragement will also increase in a much greater proportion.

This paper will be published every Saturday, at 15s. per Annum; and those who have hitherto been subscribers will be continued, unless they direct to the contrary.

The public's most obliged
and very humble Servt.
JOHN BRADFORD

Lexington Sept. 17. 1791

Nearly ready for the press and will be published, as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers can be obtained,

HOLLAND'S ESSAY
In three parts.

I. Containing the contract of Creation and Redemption, shewing that the fundamental doctrines of Calvin and Arminius joined together, compleatly forms the foundation or system of Universal Restoration, without the smallest diminution or addition.

II. The method and manner of the restoration of all to its original state of rectitude and innocence in which it was at first created, opening a plain and familiar light into the Prophet Ezekiel's visions and the Revelations.

III. The Apostolic mode of Church Government, shewing the two Olive branches which thro' the two Golden pipes empties the golden oil out of themselves, or the formation of the man Christ Jesus out of his members.

When the above is put to press, the terms will be made public.

JUST ARRIVED,

And now Opening, by
TEGARDEN & McCULLOUGH

At their old Stand in Lexington
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF

DRY GOODS

GROCERIES, HARD WARE &
QUEEN'S WARE, which they will
dispose of on the most reasonable
terms for Cash, Furs certificates &c.

A LL persons indebted to the estate of
David Perry dec'd, by bond or otherwise,
are requested to make immediate
payment; otherwise their bonds and accounts
will be put into the hands of an
attorney.

James M Dowell, Francis Dill, Samuel Blair, } Exors.
Sept. 13, 1791. 3w.

ROR SADE
FOR READY CASH

TWO likely Virginia born
negro women, the one about twenty and the other about thirty years of age, they are both excellent for house business, and one of them a good
seamstress—Any person inclined to purchase apply to the printer
hereof. 2w

THE public are requested to
be cautious in contracting with Mr. Israel Dodge, under
the pretence of the partnership
of Thompson, M'Connell and Dodge, as the said Thompson and M'Connell are determined not to comply with any contract after that the said Dodge may make after this publication.

ROBERT M'CONNELL.
Danville, August 25, 1791. £3 4w

TAKEN up by the subscriber on the
East fork of Hickman, 2 red horses, a year old palf, and a red filly
2 years old palf, all marked with a crop
and swallow fork in the left, and un-
derknot in the right; The heifer appraised to £1.5 each; The filly to
£1.10.

Joseph Jones.
March 12, 1791.

ROR SADE

THAT beautiful well improved tract
of Land, (together with the Mills
and distillery) whereon the subscriber
now lives; containing 500 acres, the
same indescribable, possession of the Mills
and Distillery, together with all the
buildings, except one dwelling house
and kitchen, may be had immediately,
and the balance next living. About
£600. will be expected in hand, and
a reasonable credit for the balance, the
purchaser giving bond and approved
security. Also several other tracts of
Land, some of which are improved—
for further particulars enquire of the
subscriber on the premises.

John Grant
Woodford county, North
Eckhorn, Augst 19. 1791.

A NUMBER of horses the
property of the United States, released
from the different brigades and in
almost every country in the United States of Kentucky.
The horses are branded US; Any
persons delivering any such horses to
Capt. Robt. Sanders on Catarrow in
Woodford county, shall have ample re-
ward for so doing. Paid by
Robt. Benham,

or
Robt. Sanders.
Augst 27. 1791.

At a County Committee held at
Col. Todd's old place in the
county of Fayette, the 12th.

September 1791

RESOLVED, that it be recom-
mended to the different county committees in this
district, to depute two or more
members from each of said
committees to meet at Harrodsburg in the county of Mercer,
on the third Friday in November next, for the purpose of
endeavouring to be of an uniformity in their instructions to
the convention to form a bill of
rights and Constitution for this
district.

Attest
John Hawkins chairman,
C. Morgan, c. c.

TAKEN up by the subscriber in
Woodford county, near Frankfort,
a brown mare, 3 years old, 14 hands
and a half high, branded on the near
shoulder H; Appraised to £9.

Geribom Lee.

August 4. 1791.

I WISH to lease for the term of one
year, the Distillery and adjoining
plantation, late the property of Mr.
John Craig on Clear creek, Woodford
county; also the Mill on the plantation
whereon the said Craig now resides.—
possession of the distillery to be given
on the first day of September next
of the adjoining plantation and Mill
whereon the said Craig now resides.—
possession of the distillery to be given
on the first day of January
following or earlier, with the consent
of Mr. John Craig.—For terms apply
to Mr. William Morton, Merchant,
in Lexington.

PETTON SHORT.
June 19, 1791.

I Wish to contract for a con-
siderable quantity of Barley
to be delivered to me in Lexington,
next fall Spring Barley
would be preferred.

Also a quantity of well cu-
red Hops.
PETYON SHORT.

April 13, 1791.

NOTICE is hereby given to the
public that I have appointed Mr.
W. Morton my Attorney in fact, during
my absence from this country—to
whom all persons indebted to me are
requested to make immediate payment
All persons having just demands
against me will please to make them
known to my Attorney aforesaid, who
will direct them to be discharged with
all possible dispatch.

PETTON SHORT.

Taken up about fifteen or
twenty miles from the mouth of Licking on the trace,
on the fourteenth instant, a
bright bay horse, fourteen hands
and a half high, about twelve
years old, branded on the near
shoulder I, and on the near but-
tock nearly thus C, had on a
small new bell, stop and buckle,
appears to have a fistula;
The owner may hear of him by
applying to the Printer.

BLANKS
OF ALL KINDS
May be had at this Office.

All kinds of blank books for
Merchants Clerks &c made and
ruled to any pattern, Also old
books new bound at this office.

OBSERVATIONS

On forming a CONSTITUTION OF GOVERNMENT, addressed to the good people of KENTUCKY.

NO. III.

FRIENDS AND COUNTRYMEN,

JHAVING contemplated the nature and design of a constitution of government, we are the better prepared to determine who are the most proper persons to compose the ensuing convention.

2. THE importance and intricacy of the work, points out to us the qualification of the men we should elect to form a constitution of government for us. They ought to be men of INTEGRITY.—of WISDOM—And who have a COMMON INTEREST with us.

1. INTEGRITY is an essential ingredient in the character which can safely be trusted to accomplish any business whatsoever. An honest man is indeed the noblest work of God; and at all times, and on all occasions, is entitled to our confidence so far as he has abilities. But men not having a window in their breasts through which we can discern the thoughts and intents of their hearts, it will be no breach of charity to require that integrity, like St. James's faith, should prove itself by works, and not by fair professions only. High sounding declarations of zeal for the public good, do too often cloak the lust of power, or the more hateful intrigues of avarice and ambition; but the integrity of the true patriot will display itself, by a steady regard to the rights of the community, and a readiness to promote its happiness and prosperity; his purity or his personal service, where there is real need for either, will not be withheld; and when he is called to aid his country in the field or cabinet, his unreceivable and orderly demeanor will give spirit to every proceeding. A man of integrity will be indulgent to the imperfections of others, and never detract from their merit; and with still greater certainty it may be pronounced, that he will never solicit a trust which he is not qualified to execute. I confess, my countrymen, that when I see a man aspiring to an office which he is not able to fill, I am obliged to conclude, that he is either drunk with ambition, or aiming to gratify some baser passion. He who is unable to do any good, may do much harm; and the ignorant, who would thrust himself into the place of a superior character, cannot be an honest man.

2. A very small degree of penetration will discover, that in reality is not the only qualification requisite for a public trust, more especially for forming a constitution of government. Wisdom is also an essential ingredient. Wisdom must imply good common sense, or what is called her wit; but the wisdom which we more immediately mean,—is political knowledge. A strong natural genius must be the ground work on which this knowledge is built; for without genius, the most laborious researches into the history of man, and the longest experience in the political world, must be very confounded and inaccurate; so that if we must chuse a man who is deficient in either, let it be the two last; for good sense is indispensable. The advantages, however, of learning are great; genius will never shrink until it is polished by learning, and ripened by experience. An honest mind which is infused with genius, by being busied to study, acquires dexterity in distinguishing truth from error, and aided by the knowledge of the various forms and principles of civil government which have been established, is enabled to make a rational estimate of their probability or improbability. Why are the people of Great Britain so much superior to the Americans, but because all the sources of knowledge are open to the one and closed from the other? O, why did the Apostle Paul so far exceed the

other Apostles? Not because he had more grace, but because he was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel. Indeed, none but enthusiasm in religion or politics, will deny the singular advantages which an honest heart and a clear head derive from education.

In forming a constitution, the knowledge which I have now suggested, and more fully pointed out in my second address, is not only necessary to determine what principles and form of government are most eligible for us; but a knowledge of proper language, and the legal and political science which has been annexed to the words which shall be used for it is equally important to devise salutary regulations, and to express them with such precision as to be clearly understood. As in other sciences, so in law and government, a great number of terms and phrases have been appropriated to express certain ideas; and it is highly necessary it should be so, for nearly the same reasons that every man ought to be distinguished by a fixed name or title. If a first regard is not paid to this in forming our constitution of government, a variety of interpretations and ambiguous doubts will be the consequence.

3. IT will certainly be an additional security to have representatives in the ensuing convention, who have a COMMON INTEREST with us. I before intimated, that this is a cause which admits of scarce any temptation to go wrong; but a common interest will at least produce this advantage, that there will be a greater anxiety to do right. He who has advanced his temporal all in the country;—who has friends and foes; and whose family and fortune are all to be affected by the constitution of government which shall be established, need give no further security for his fidelity. Other men may act nobly; but the interested man will be actuated by the strongest principle of human nature, whilst the more divine sentiments of honest and public good may also have their full scope.

You will observe, my friends, that I have not excluded any class or denomination of Citizens from a seat in the convention. None of the American States, which have gone before me in forming constitutions of government, ever thought of any such exclusions; and the *Act of Assembly* under which our convention is to be elected, has left the door open; and will it not be folly and presumption in us to shut it? We have seen that no salary is to be fixed;—no officer of government elected;—nor any thing done on which a separate interest can arise to one or another class of men;—and that the united wisdom of all will be much needed. If I were to detain you longer on the subject of elections, it would be to shew, that every class and denomination of men amongst us, are entitled to a representation in forming a constitution by which they will all be equally bound; and if it could be made appear that the two different interests, that it would only prove more strongly this general right. Suppose, as has been abundantly advised by some; that we should pass by gentlemen of the law; are we sure that we can do without their assistance? Or, if lawyers are of such base principles, as not to be trusted; suppose that some one of them, more artful than the rest, should chance to procure a seat in the convention; may he not out wit our unseasoning farmers; and make us with, when it will be too late; that we had elected some more of those knaves to catch the knave? I am no lawyer, nor am I related to a lawyer; and therefore I speak freely; and would say more, but I have such confidence in the justice and discernment of the greater number of my countrymen, that I am persuaded, when the elections come on, all such groundless prejudices and partial distinctions will be disengaged.

It should be thought, that in these addresses I have intruded into the province of the committees which have largely gained an excellence in some of

our counties; I can only ask the pardon of these committees, and leave the people, if they shall think proper, to give up the right of private judgment in choosing representatives to their infallible guides. My own sentiments, I humbly submit to the candid consideration of the public; neither wishing or expecting that they should influence, further than they have weight, the exercise of that freedom of choice in elections which ought ever to be esteemed as the most invaluable privilege.

A few hours on one other pre-judge will bring me to a conclusion. It is a prevailing opinion, that, in a case of high executive consequence, each county ought to give particular instructions to the representatives whom they shall send to the convention; and I have heard that none who expect to be elected, have urged that such instructions should be given. Against a measure so popular, I can scarcely expect to be heard with patience. But here leave to ask, what is to be the purport of these instructions? Are the people at large well acquainted with the nature of constitutions of government? And are they willing to bind themselves and posterity by any regulations which they can devise? If they have such confidence in their own skill; I would ask what may be the consequence, if the people of the several counties, each equally confident of being in the right, should give contradictory instructions to their respective representatives? Will not opposite contentions in the convention ensue; and a hodge-podge of a constitution be the result, displeasing to each of the counties and inconsistent with itself? The abuse of power, as well as the danger of this measure must fit even the eye of a mind, will it not be a solemn task, to call a convention of our wisest men, to deliberate on what has been meditated merely by their constituents at home? O, will it be either candor or prudence, in a case of such magnitude and intricacy, for every man to shut his ears against any counsel which might be obtained from other members of the community; who are equally interested, and in many instances, much better informed? If a constitution of government is to be formed by the people, let them assemble for the purpose in some extensive plains, where each individual can hear and be heard in turn, and where a general vote may determine the public will. Bulle no man, or set of men, endeavour to impose a chimera corner constitution upon us; for, literally speaking, instructions generally originate in some chimerical conceit. They are drawn up by some demagogue to suit his own inclinations, and after obtaining the sanction of the people, are taken by him to the assembly, to which he has been delegated by the same people, that they by him may acquire greater respect than his merit deserves, and have an excuse for being pertinacious of his own devices. Or to say the best, instructions are the opinions of only a part of the community, and can justly have no other weight than the long opposition made in the usual way by him who brings them.*

* After writing the above, I met with a publication in the Kentucky Gazette, from which it appears that the county committees are disposed to undertake the business of instructing their representatives in the ensuing convention; that is to say, in substance at least, to form a constitution of government for us. Whether these committees can be most safely trifled, or a general convention composed of our wisest and best men, regularly chosen under the direction of law, I leave every individual to determine for himself; but that the county committees and the general convention should both engage in the work, is too great an absurdity to escape the notice of any man.

Every person of intelligence must be conscious of the importance of the benefits of fair dealing and cordiality in business now to be done, and that a favorable issue never depended more upon unanimity. Our country is but just advancing from a state of infancy; we are poor and few in number, and our growing strength depends almost entirely on the political character we shall obtain. The eyes of our Sister States are fixed on us with anxious concern that we may avoid the errors which they have committed; and the friends of liberty are supplicating the foreign disposer of all human events, that we may establish a government which will be wise just and permanent,

A. B. C.

M. PRINTER,

A reader of your paper requests you will give the following a place in your next.

Lexington, Oct. 1, 1791.

To Josiah Harmar Esquire, Brigadier General in the service of the United States, and Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the first United States Regiment.

S. L. R.

THE Officers of the first regiment beg leave to express the warmth of their attachment to your person, and that perfect satisfaction which they have severally experienced under your command.

United as they have always been in sentiments of affection and friendship towards you, it is with extreme regret they are informed of your intention to quit the army.

It, Sir, upon this interesting occasion, your officers might obtrude their advice;—or would you attend to the respectful solicitudes of men anxious for your welfare;—they might yet hope for your continuance in service. But whatever may be your final determination, that honor and happiness may attend you, is among their first and most ardent wishes.

Signed by the officers of the first regiment.

The Answer.

Gentlemen,
YOUR very affectionate address of this morning, claims my warmest acknowledgments.

If I have been so fortunate during my command, as to give satisfaction to my officers, believe me it has ever been reciprocal.

I sincerely thank you, gentlemen, for your expressions of affection and friendship towards me, and for the obliging part you appear to take in my future welfare. When I tell you, that I shall continue to remember you, my companions, with emotions of friendship and esteem, and that my best wishes for your happiness through life, can only cease to exist with myself. — I beg you to receive it as the genuine expression of my heart.

I have the honor to be
With the most affectionate regard,

Gentlemen,
Your most
obedient servant.
JOS. HARMAR.

SACRED TO THE MUSES.

THE FUNERAL.

SEE the pall-supporting bearers
All in undressing besew;
See the train of sable weavers
Acting every mode of woe!

Silent crowds the spot surrounding,
Call'd the grand-receivers dome;
Dismal-sounding mourners sounding,
Fellow-mortals, follow home!

Lift! oh, lift! ye stately declaimers,
On whose words the many dwell:
Place-below-ing, patriot tame's;
Hark! oh, hark!—tis grandeur's
knell.

Heralds loud proclaim the honors
Of this once puissant past:
Tell his titles!—count his manors!—
Lord of only this!—at last.

View the tomb with sculpture splendid,
View the fed web biers bound:
Here the face of mighty's ended;
All are equal under ground.

Fashions here their vanity's vanisht;
Beauties he can't plead their forms
Here—precedencies all are banish'd;
Offals, all, to odious worms.

Wife folks, weak ones—poor and
wealthy,
Tenants, unseating graves;
Haughty, humble, sick and healthy—
Freedom's sons and Asia's slaves.

Gloom no more the brow with sorrow,
Meet the moment come what may:
If we're a to die, to morrow,
Let us live like men to day.

We'll not lavish life's expences,
Nor be niggards while we have;
Let us please, not pull our sonies;
This is reason's holiday.

Here, to dances bid defiance—
Affections disapp over;
Here's my waft—tho' grand alliance—
Freedom, friendship, wit and love.

Epitaph, written many years since, by
Dr. FRANKLIN, on his Father and
Mother.

JOSIAH FRANKLIN.
and ABIAH his wife,
Lie here inter'd.
They liv'd lovingly together in wed-
lock fifty five years;
Without an estate or any gainful em-
ployment, by honest labour and
constant industry,
(with God's blessing)

Maintain'd a large family comfortably,
and brought up thirteen children and
seven grand-children reputably.

From this instance, reader,
be encouraged to diligence in thy
calling, and distrust not Providence.
He was a pious and prudent man;
She a discreet and virtuous woman.

Their youngest son,
in filial regard to their memory,
places this stone.
I. F. born 1666, and died 1742.
A. F. born 1655, and died 1744.

ANECDOTE.

THE late Dr. Magrath being call-
ed upon to visit a sick man, asked
him as he entered the room, how
he did—"O Doctor," replied the
man, in a plaintive tone, "I am dead." The
Doctor immediately left the
room, and reported in the neighbour-
hood, that the man was dead. The
report was at first believed and circu-
lated, but as soon as the mistake was
discovered, the Doctor was asked,
"why he had propagated a false re-
port?"—He replied, that "he did it
upon the best authority; for he had it
from the man's own mouth."

A list of Letters in this Office.

A Robert Veasy Alexander, Benjamin Archer.

B John Bowen, Mary Burch, Deborah Burnet 2.

C Captain Thomas Clay, Charles Colby, Mercer. The Clerk of Lincoln.

D David Denton, Thomas Davis, 3.

E James Finch near Lexington. Robert Parker, Woodford.

F William Gray.

G Reb. Hite, Jefferson. William Hanks, John Henderon, Lincoln, Esnoch or Web Hayden.

H Capt. James Kenny Bourbon.

I Robert Lockhart, Miami. Stephen G. Lecher, Fayette. Levi Lee, Lexington. Sam. Lowrey.

J John McTerren, Archibald Marshall, Bourbon.

K William Neal.

L Nathaniel Parish, Bourbon. Robert Mercer 2. Sarah Poor ditto. Philip Philips.

M John Quinn.

N James Richie, Favere, Edmund Richardson, Thomas Ray.

O James Scott, John Sleet, Lincoln Thomas Sullenger, Woodford. Joshua Stevens, Richard Stevens.

P Evan James Thomas 2. David Tifford Mercer, James Thomas, Fayette. Bennet Tabor, May's Lick. Kenneth Thompson 2. Howell Tatum. Samuel Timmons, Mercer.

Q Joseph Underwood, Nelson 2. Joe Vance, Woodford. Edmund Vaughn, 2.

R William Watson, Robert Wallace, Favere, Peter Willton, Malcolm Worlow, James Walker, Henry Walker, Ben. Withers, James Watkins, James Wallace, Fayette.

S JOHN BRADFORD, Admr. Lexington, Sept. 15, 1791.

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PROPOSALS

For Printing Observations upon
the Doctrines of

ABSOLUTE DECREES

And the

Freedom of the Human

Will,

By

EBENEZER BROOKS.

CONDITIONS.

I. The work will contain about 70 or 80 pages Octavo, and will be delivered to the subscribers fitted in brown paper, at 1/6 each copy.

II. The work shall be committed to Print, as soon as one hundred copies are subscribed for.

III. The money to be paid at the time of subscribing.

Subscriptions taken in at this Office.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Strayed or stolen from the subscriber living in Lexington, about the first of July last, a small bay horse, about fourteen hands high, seven years old, trots and canters, his hind legs

is more crooked than common, stod before, if any brand I believe it is P on the near shoulder;

Whoever delivers said horse or gives such information that I get him, shall have two dollars reward, if stolen and the thief apprehended and convicted, the above reward

SAMUEL AYRES.

Sept. 24, 1791.

READY

CASH

WILL be given for two likely young negro men between the age of sixteen and twenty four—a good character of them will be required—enquire of the printer.

FOR SALE

FOR

CASH

A likely young negro fellow, about eighteen years of age—enquire of the printer.

Lexington Sept. 27, 1791.

BY PUBLIC

VENDUE

Will be sold on Tuesday the 11th day of October next in Lexington,

A well made healthy mulatto man slave, of the age of twenty five years, part of the estate of Jeffre Kilgore deceased. Six months credit will be given for the purchase money, the purchaser giving bond with satisfactory security

JAMES SULLIVAN. Admr.

Sept. 28, 1791.

FOUND

IN the Wildernes, some time in June last, a dark bay mare, about fourteen hands high, about six years old, a small star in her forehead, branded on the near buttock P. The owner may have her by applying to the subscriber living in Mercer county near Gordon's old station, and paying charges

AMBROSE GORDON.

Sept. 28, 1791.

FOR SALE

ONE hundred and seventy acres of land part of a military survey lying on the waters of Hickman adjoining col. Levi Todd's old place and about five miles from Lexington, whereon is a plantation of about forty acres of cleared land, with good cabbins and other necessary buildings, well watered, a good nursery of peach and apple trees.—The title indisputable—any person inclined to purchase may know the terms by applying to the subscriber in Lexington.

JOHN CLARKE.

Sept. 26, 1791.

WANTED

POST-

RIDER;

ANY person inclined to undertake the business, will please to be speedy in their application, as I have been disappointed, and want them to commence riding immediately—Apply to the printer.

Lexington, Sept. 24, 1791.